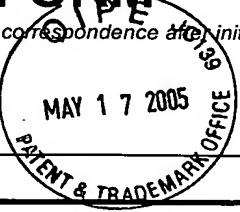
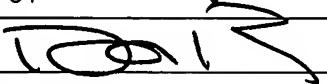


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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e), the undersigned hereby certifies that each listed reference was first cited in a communication (copy and English translation enclosed) from a foreign patent office in connection with a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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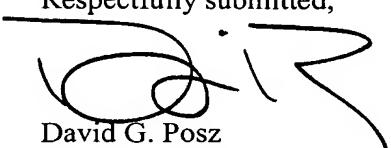
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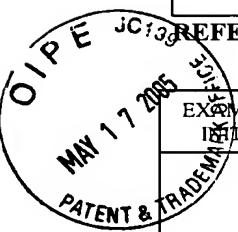
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